Central Government the same are taken up with the concerned State Governments for appropriate action.

(c) and (d) The Labour Commissioner's Organisation falls within the purview of the State Government. Central Government has not received any specific complaint in this regard.

Failure of Technology Mission on Oilseeds

758. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether due to failure of Technology Mission and other R&D Projects on oilseeds Government may have to import edible oils and if so, whether Government would fix responsibility in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): There has been sustained growth in area, production and yield in oilseeds during the Seventh Plan period. During the period 1985-86 to 1990-91, the production of oilseeds rose from 10.83 million tonnes to 19.10 million tonnes i.e. a percentage increase of 75 percent not matched by any other crop. Against the target of 18 million tonnes fixed for 1990-91, the production reached an all time record of 19.10 million tones. The strategies accepted and the programmes undertaken by the Technology Mission have been important contributory factors for this impressive increase in production. Imports of edible oils have shown a declining trend. Government has taken no decision regarding import of edible oil during the current financial year. Arising from higher production, exports of oilseeds, extractions and oils have, on the other hand, increased rapidly. The oilseeds sector has become a substantial net foreign exchange earner.

Export of Milk Powder

759. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDDB is to export 10,000 tonnes milk powder worth $ 10.5 million to an Australian firm as reported in the Economic Times of the 22nd December, 1990 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether NDDB also proposes to export 20,000 tonnes more milk powder and if so, the details thereof and the foreign exchange to be earned as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to import cheaper milk products against these export for the needy and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the claims of increased milk production in the country have been questioned by many independent experts and researchers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. As on date, no quantity of milk powder has been earmerked for immediate export.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No specific communication has been received from any Expert or Researcher questioning the estimates of milk production.

Export of alumina by National Aluminium Company Ltd.

760. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement of the Public Sector National Aluminium Company Ltd. in the matter of export of alumina during the last three years, country-wise; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof?